

Votes 441, 442, 443, and 444 due to a previously scheduled event. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all four measures. The event in question was scheduled some time ago to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the General Accounting Office. In my role as chairman of the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, I was honored to be asked to play a key part in the GAO anniversary celebration.

VALLEY FORWARD ASSOCIATION
HONORS ARIZONA PROJECTS
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of my colleagues the selection of the city of Phoenix as the recipient of the highest award of the Valley Forward Association for work at the Tres Rios Constructed Wetland Demonstration Project. The city accepted Valley Forward's premiere award, the President's Award, at the organization's annual awards program on September 20, 1996, on behalf of its partner cities, Glendale, Mesa, Scottsdale, and Tempe.

The Tres Rios Constructed Wetlands Demonstration Project consists of approximately fourteen acres of wetlands constructed to evaluate and demonstrate the use of artificial wetlands to filter wastewater from the 91st Avenue Waste Treatment Plant while also providing valuable habitat and other benefits.

Valley Forward Association was formed in 1969 to promote environmental, cultural and aesthetic endeavors in the greater Metropolitan Phoenix area. Through the years, it has recognized many endeavors—private and industrial, commercial and governmental—for making the "Valley of the Sun" a better place to live. Valley Forward's awards program began in 1980 to recognize outstanding contributions to the physical environment of the surrounding communities. Through the years the awards program has grown to include innovative technologies, environmental education, achievements in public media, and artistic endeavors.

Judges for this year's awards included representatives from universities, consultants, planners, architects, communications and businesses, who were selected for their knowledge of and contribution to environmental excellence. The President's Award bestowed on the Tres Rios Project was for special achievement in environmental excellence. It recognized a project that has tremendous potential for using wastewater to restore valuable wetlands in our region of the arid Southwest, creating fish and wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities in the community.

I want to congratulate the city of Phoenix and all the other recipients for the honor that has been bestowed upon them and to bring to the attention of my colleagues this project, of which I have been a strong advocate during my tenure here in Congress.

HONORING F. LEE LAWRENCE

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an old friend and outstanding East Texan, F. Lee Lawrence of Tyler, TX, who died recently at the age of 70. He, his brother Bill, and I were old friends from Southern Methodist University School of Law. Following his graduation from law school in 1950, he began his practice of law in Tyler. Lee was a great lawyer and a senior partner of one of the finest law firms in Texas. Yet he also found time to share his abilities with a number of worthy causes in his community and state.

History was his special passion, and on June 13 of this year he was presented the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation. Governor Bush had appointed Lee to the Texas Historical Commission in April, 1995, where he was already serving as a member. Previously, he had served on the Commission's board for 4 years, beginning in 1959, when he collaborated with John Ben Shepperd and Dr. Rupert N. Richardson in originating and developing the present State Historical Marker Program. With Dr. Robert Glover he wrote the first State marker, which was erected at the site of Camp Ford near Tyler. Today, there are 11,000 historical markers in Texas.

Lee helped organize historical societies in San Augustine, Shelby, Gregg, and Rusk Counties. He served as President of the Texas State Historical Association, was a member of the Executive Council throughout the 70's and served as president of the Texas Historical Foundation. He was founding member and president of the Smith County Historical Society and founding member and first president of the East Texas Historical Association at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, where he served on the Board continuously since its inception in 1962. He also served on the Texas Civil War Centennial Commission from 1960 to 1965.

Lee served on the advisory council for the Center for Historical Resources at Texas A&M University and was a member of the Company of Military Historians, the Manuscript Society, and West Texas Historical Association. He co-published "Tyler and Smith County, Texas: An Historical Survey" and coauthored "Camp Ford, CSA: The Story of Union Prisoners in Texas, 1964." He authored and published "Texas War Horses" in 1995.

Lee received numerous awards for his dedication to historical preservation. The State of Texas presented him the award for Meritorious Service in 1963. He received the Mary Moody Northern Award for 35 years of service from the Texas Historical Foundation in 1994, the Ruth Lester Award for lifetime achievement from the Texas Historical Commission in 1995, the Preservation Award from Historic Tyler in 1995, and the Ralph Steen Award for distinguished service to the East Texas Historical Association and East Texas history.

Lee also had served on the Board of Trustees at Texas Christian University since 1972 and on the Executive, Faculty Relations and Fiscal Affairs and Development Committees. In Tyler, he was actively involved in community organizations. He was president of the

Texas Rose Festival Association, YMCA of Tyler, vice-president of Tyler Chamber of Commerce, chairman of Carnegie Public Library, and advisor for Texas Junior Quarter Horse Association. He served on numerous boards in Tyler and was serving on the board of Lifeline Underwriters Life Insurance Company at the time of his death.

Lee was a member and elder of Fifth Street Presbyterian Church, member of St. John's Lodge; Chapter No. 24, R.A.M.; Geo. M. Patrick Council No. 13; Ascension Commandery No. 25; a 32 degree Scottish Rite and Sharon Temple.

Born in Paris, TX on May 21, 1926 to Elizabeth O. Lawrence and the late W. Dewey Lawrence, Lee had lived in Tyler since 1931. He served 2 years in the U.S. Navy during World War II and attended Texas Christian University before graduating from SMU School of Law.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Ann Lawrence; daughters Frances Ann Lawrence and Amy Jane Lawrence Walton and son-in-law Randall H. Walton, all of Albuquerque, NM; daughter Mary Elizabeth Lawrence Cannan of Tyler; his mother Elizabeth; brother and sister-in-law, William D. and Dorothy Lawrence; two grandchildren and other relatives.

Mr. Speaker, Lee Lawrence was one of those individuals whose influence was felt in all that he did, and he will be truly missed by all those who knew him. It was a privilege to be his friend—and I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying our last respects to this outstanding American.

EXTEND GRAZING PRIVILEGES

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, Jackson Hole, WY is one of the most beautiful and unique areas of our Nation. Over 3 million visitors per year come to hike, camp, ski, and sightsee amidst the grandeur of the Teton range and the winding Snake River in Grand Teton National Park and the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem beyond. Many wildlife species such as moose, bear, eagles, and trumpeter swan make the valley their home, while the largest elk herd in the lower 48 States annually migrates through it to winter on the wildlife refuge at its southern end.

While much of the valley is protected for perpetuity in Federal ownership, some of the most valuable wildlife habitat, migration routes, and scenic vistas remain in private ownership as working ranchlands. Conservation groups in Jackson Hole and around the country have worked for years to help protect these ranches from development, through the use of scenic easements and other means, and are to be commended for their good work.

Unfortunately, we now face a situation where some of the most scenic and valuable ranchlands adjacent to the park could be forced to sell and subdivide. In 1950 the law establishing Grand Teton National Park allowed local grazing permittees whose livestock had historically used the new park lands for summer range to continue that grazing for the life of the permittees' designed heirs. As a result, 14,000 acres were set aside, irrigated,